



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Southaven, MS

and

The Episcopal Church of Holy Cross

Olive Branch, MS

WELCOME!

About the service: Today's liturgy is contained entirely in this booklet, which comes from the Book of Common Prayer.

The music is found in The Hymnal 1982. The 'service music', marked with an 'S', is in the front of the hymnal.

We are honored to have you here today; may you experience Christ's peace, loving strength, and renewal in this place.

Childcare: *Children of all ages are always welcome in the service. St. Timothy's also offers childcare for those who desire it; the nursery is located behind the nave, down the hall and past the chapel.*

The Word of God

Prelude

Musicians

A bell will sound to invite the congregation to stand

Processional: Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymnal #67

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S 95

The cantor or choir chants each line, and the people repeat it

Lord, have mercy.
People **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect

BCP 212

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 146 (4-9) *Lauda, anima mea*
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- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the letter of James

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The People stand as able

Sequence Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal #56 (vv. 5-6)

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Robert Clay Calboun

The Nicene Creed

On Sundays and other Major Feasts, all standing

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit***

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Form V, BCP 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Brian our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Carolyn Loposer, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept, then the Celebrant leads the People in saying

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed***

*by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the People

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Representatives of the congregation bring the People's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant. The People stand while the bread and wine are presented and placed on the Altar, then may be seated for the collection.

Offertory Music

Musicians

The Doxology (*the People stand and sing*)

Hymnal # 380 (v. 3) Old 100th

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 124

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

A period of silence is kept

The Fraction Anthem: *Lamb of God* Agnus Dei

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***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.***

The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A note about Communion: In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The Bread is received in the open palm. The Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice. If you wish to receive the Wine by intinction, please indicate this to the priest, who will dip the Bread into the Wine for you. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, but desire a blessing from the priest, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

For those participating via Livestream, a Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion

***Music at Communion: Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Bread of heaven, on thee we feed***

**Hymnal #324
Hymnal #323**

When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is to be sent out on a visit, the following is said

Sending Out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The assigned Lay Eucharistic Visitors come forward to receive a Communion Kit and to be commissioned with the following words:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People ***We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The People stand, as able.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest may bless the People

Retiring Processional: Thy kingdom come!

Hymnal #615

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***



The Altar Greens are given to the Glory of God

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God

Crucifer: Ben Irby

Lay Eucharist Minister: Darlene Carnell

Lectors: Peggy Tyson, Neal Springer

Intercessors: Fred Hallman

Ushers: Lynn Walker, Holly Gray

St. Timothy's & Holy Cross Prayer List:

May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering, especially:

Louis Ahrent, Bill Allen, Charles Allen, Joy Allen, Debbie Anderson, Angie Breaux, Jim Breaux, Nina Cutler, Gail Denker, Brian Dearen, Ruth Edgerton, Thomas Freeny, Lottie Garner, Charles and Sylvia Hardy, Gene Holliman, Judy Johnson, John Karcher, Jay Killen, Jim Kimmelman, Dan Kruse, Ruby Licon, Mike Ligon, Rex McCammon, , Melinda Morgan, Joyce Potts, Scott Riley, Norma Rutledge, John Saari, The Tutor family, Deno Zluticky, Jason, Michele, Cale

All suffering from COVID-19 and the effects of the pandemic. May they know companionship, comfort, and healing grace.

Those serving in overseas deployment.

Those celebrating Birthdays this week:

12/12 Ofelia Leamon; 12/16 Curran Carnell; 12/17 Clark Helmick, Grady Powell; 12/18 Mike Johnson, Lois Matlock, Elaina Przybyszewski

Announcements

Christmas at St. Timothy's & Holy Cross

Our schedule of services for Christmas will be as follows:

Saturday, December 24:

6:00 pm – Holy Eucharist: Rite II at St. Timothy's

8:30 pm – Holy Eucharist: Rite II at Holy Cross

10:30 pm – Holy Eucharist: Rite II, with special music, at St. Timothy's

Sunday, December 25:

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist: Rite II at St. Timothy's

Hanging of the Greens at St. Timothy's today

All are welcome to stay after the service today and assist the Altar Guild in the hanging of the greens to prepare the church for Christmas.

Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree is set up in the narthex at St. Timothy's. Thank you for your generosity in helping provide a happy Christmas to those in need. ***Please have gifts in by Sunday, December 11.***

New Office Hours at St. Tim's

Church office hours at St. Timothy's are 9 am-2 pm, Monday-Friday.

Thursday Bible Study break during Advent & Christmas

The weekly Thursday Bible study at St. Timothy's will take a break for the remainder of 2022, to resume in January.

This Week at St. Timothy's:

Tuesday: Prayer Shawl Ministry at 11:00 am in the upper Room

Wednesday: Morning Prayer at 9:00 am in the Mary Chapel

Wednesday: Family Pot Luck at 6pm in the Parish Hall

Thursday: Senior Lunch at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall

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